

Remarks

Claims 1-15 were pending.

Claims 1-12, 14 and 15 are amended.

Claim 13 is original.

Claims 16-19 are new.

The application now contains claims 1-19.

Claims 1-11 and 15 are amended to remove multiple ranges.

Claims 3-5, 10-12 and 14 are amended to remove multiple dependencies.

Claims 3-5, 9 and 10 are also amended for clarity by deleting a redundant phrase that serves only to restate the claims dependency, such as "wherein D, E... are as defined in claim 2".

Claim 4 is further amended to add limitations from original claim 2 deleted upon removing multiple dependencies that are necessary for a complete description of the substituents. Support is found in original claims 4 and 2. The phrase "R⁹ and R¹⁰ together form a five or six membered ring that is substituted by R⁶" is also deleted from claim 4.

Claims 6 and 10 are further amended to incorporate more appropriate Markush language by deleting all occurrences of the word "or" and adding the word "and" near the end of the list of groups.

Claim 8 is further amended to include structures for the formulae IIa, IIb, and IIc which were releted from original claim 1 from which claim 8 depends.

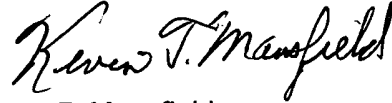
Claim 15 is further amended for clarity by replacing the descriptive phrase "such as -CY³Y⁴-CY⁵Y⁶-, or -CY⁷Y⁸-CY⁹Y¹⁰- CY¹¹Y¹²-, wherein Y³, Y⁴, Y⁵, Y⁶, Y⁷, Y⁸, Y⁹, Y¹⁰, Y¹¹ and Y¹² are independently of each other hydrogen, or a C₁-C₁₀alkyl group" with "which may be substituted 1-20 times by a C₁-C₁₀alkyl group". Support is inherent in the original claim.

Claims 16-19 are added to reclaim material deleted from claims 3, 7, 9 and 15, respectively.

No new matter is added.

Consideration of the present claims on their merits is respectfully awaited.

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